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CONFIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ISSUED ON JANUARY 16, 1942, BY THE PRESIDENT TO
THE HEADS OF THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES CONCERNED:

In accordance with previous instructions the Federal Bureau of Investigation has set up a Special Intelligence Service covering the Western Hemisphere, with Agents in Mexico, Central America, South America, the Caribbean, and Canada. Close contact and liaison have been established with the corresponding Intelligence officials of these countries.

In order to have all responsibility for this type of information centered in the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this field, I hereby approve this assignment and request the heads of all Government Departments and Agencies concerned with it to clear directly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with any such intelligence work contemplated within the sphere indicated.

The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is authorized and instructed to convene meetings of the chiefs of the corresponding Intelligence Services operating in the Western Hemisphere and to maintain liaison with all Intelligence Agencies operating in the Western Hemisphere.

(Signed) Franklin D. Roosevelt

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